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The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 15, 2017

7:30 Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 Holy Eucharist, Rite II

5:15 Holy Eucharist, Rite II

About our worship: Our bulletin includes all the words of the service except the hymns, which are found in the blue Hymnal. (Hymns with an "S" designation are found in the front section.) **The congregation's part is in bold.** We stand to sing, sit to listen, and kneel or stand to pray. Worship begins with a prelude and concludes with a postlude. Please respect those who spend these times in quiet and prayer. *This entire program is available as a pdf on our website!* Please help us care for creation by using your tablet, phone, laptop or other device to follow the service! Bulletins will be put on the website on Fridays. The wifi password in the nave is Trinity3.

During the singing of the next hymn, children are invited to follow the cross to Sunday School.

Kyrie

Freedom Mass

Betty Carr Pulkingham

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you. People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Lesson

Lector: Sallie Smith

Exodus 32: 1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land

of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” Aaron said to them, “Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD.” They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23

Chant: C. Hylton Stewart

- 1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Who can declare the mighty acts of the LORD *
or show forth all his praise?
- 3 Happy are those who act with justice and always do what is right!
- 4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;
- 5 That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the
gladness of your people, * that I may glory with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
19 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb and worshiped a molten image;
20 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
21 They forgot God their Savior, who had done great things in Egypt,
22 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, and fearful things at the Red Sea.
23 So he would have destroyed them,
had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

Second Lesson

Lector: Judd Hume

Philippians 4: 1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 7 (vs. 1-2)

Christ whose glory fills the skies

Ratisbon

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord according to Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel

Matthew 22: 1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and

killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Deacon: This is the gospel of the Lord. People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sequence Hymn 7 (vs. 3)

Christ whose glory fills the skies

Ratisbon

The Sermon

Dean Shambaugh

The Nicene Creed

BCP p. 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People, Form IV

Lector: Michael Courts

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord in your mercy People: **Hear our prayer**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord in your mercy People: **Hear our prayer**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord in your mercy People: **Hear our prayer**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours. Please add your own prayers and thanksgivings. (pause) Grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord in your mercy People: **Hear our prayer**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. We remember those on our prayer list. Please add your own prayers. (pause) Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord in your mercy People: **Hear our prayer**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Please add your own prayers.

We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord in your mercy People: **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all the people of this Cathedral family and we especially give thanks for Jan Peyton Rowley, Richard and Donna Pfeffer, Robert and Susan Pineau, Mark Plane, Linda Poland, Ted and Sally Poland. We pray for Donald our President and Paul our Governor. We pray for our City Council Members: Belinda Ray, District 1; Spencer Thibodeau, District 2 We pray for Michael our presiding Bishop, Stephen our Bishop, and for our Cathedral clergy. In The Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Swaziland - (Southern Africa) In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for all who are preparing for, and will attend, the 198th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine. For the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, and other decision making bodies of our Diocese. For the people and clergy of our Companion Diocese of Haiti.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession

Deacon: Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we

praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Freedom Mass

Betty Carr Pulkingham

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow - er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord Ho - san - na in the high - est

The people stand or kneel. Then the celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given

thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink his, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *AMEN.*

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Christ our Passover S152

Ambrosian Chant

This setting is not used in Lent.

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Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us:

♭
There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion of the People

All are welcome to receive communion. Gluten-free hosts are available for those who need them. If you do not wish to receive wine, or only wish a blessing, cross your hands over your chest as you come forward. After receiving communion, you may wish to go to All Saints Chapel (to the right of the high altar) for the Laying on of Hands, anointing with holy oil, and prayers of healing for yourself or someone else.

Communion Anthem Words: Songs of Solomon 2: 3-4, Music: Edward C. Bairstow
I sat down under his shadow with great delight, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He brought me to the banqueting house, and his banner over me was love.

Hymn 339 *Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness* Schmücke dich

Hymn 345 *Savior, again to thy dear name* Ellers

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

Celebrant: Let us pray.

People: **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and You have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us Strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Life is short, and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who make the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind and the blessing of God, who made us, who loves us, and who travels with us be with you now and forever.
Amen.

Recessional Hymn 408 *Sing praise to God who reigns above* Mit Freuden zart

Deacon: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Organ Postlude *Tuba Tune in D Major* Craig Sellar Lang

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Upcoming Events

October 22	St. Luke's Day
October 26	Community Supper
October 28	Diocesan Convention
November 1	All Saint's Day
November 4	Oratorio Chorale Presents Handel's "Messiah"
November 5	All Saint's Day, Kneeler Dedication, Baptism
November 11	St. Luke's Holiday Fair
November 19	Youth Led Worship Service & Stewardship Ingathering
November 22	Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Service (at Trinity)

Today at St. Luke's

Welcome! There are greeters at the door who are available to answer any questions you might have about the Cathedral. Please join us for coffee hour in the upper parish hall after the service.

The Flowers on the altar today are given by Nancy Armitage to the Glory of God, in Loving Memory of Robert Armitage and in Thanksgiving for Will and Ellie's new home.

The Explorers are starting J. Philip Newell's Listening to the Heartbeat of God: An introduction to Celtic Spirituality. This book presents a spirituality for today, modeled on the vital characteristics of Celtic spirituality through the centuries. Here is an emphasis on the essential goodness of creation and humanity made in the image of God. This book traces the lines of Celtic spirituality from the British church in the fourth century through to the twentieth century, in the founder of the Iona Community, George Macleod. Newell finds Celtic spiritual roots in the New Testament, in the mysticism of St. John the Evangelist. This fresh angle on Celtic spirituality - linking figures in the Bible and in British Christian history - will be warmly welcomed by all who are concerned to refresh the roots of their faith. We meet from 8:45 'til 9:45.

Moving ahead on Sunday School and Youth: Today, at 11:30, George Cooper, Senior Warden will continue a discussion aimed at understanding the issues affecting our Youth Spiritual Formation program and how we should proceed. Our agenda will include establishing goals for our Spiritual Formation programs, putting together a Christian Education committee to help with ongoing events and programs, getting a task force of volunteers to visit other churches, look at best practices and consider collaboration, and beginning a conversation about how St. Luke's can be more welcoming to families and bring new children in. Our youth are our future. All are invited to come!

The Portland Rossini Club will hold its' October concert in the Cathedral Nave today at 3:00pm. Suggested donation \$10/\$5 seniors. Students are admitted at no charge. For more information, call 332-6117 or check them out at the web at www.rossiniclub.org.

Twilight in the Chapel: We are delighted to welcome musician Emmett Harrity to our twilight service tonight. Please join us at 5:15 in Emmanuel Chapel for an intimate and welcoming Rite II Eucharist. Dean Shambaugh will be the celebrant and preacher.

Announcements

Volunteers needed to help with an energy-saving window insert building event that will benefit St. Luke's. This initiative is co-sponsored by the Sierra Club's Portland Climate Action Team (PCAT) that meets at St. Luke's and by the West End

Neighborhood Association, of which St. Luke's is an affiliate member. Group assembly of inserts will take place from 15 to 24 October at the nearby Maine Irish Heritage Center. In gratitude for St. Luke's providing meeting space, the PCAT has obtained funding to have new inserts built for our upper parish hall. In turn, we have been asked to provide food for 24 volunteers on Tuesday, 17 October. Needed menu items are: vegetarian soup(s); sandwich fixings; healthy chips and/or veggie sticks (enough for 8-10 people in each case). St. Lukans are also encouraged to take a shift or two of assembly work by signing up here <http://signup.com/go/umNVwEw>. FMI: Liz Parsons

Want to do something?! St. Luke's Social Action Team that normally meets on the second Tuesday of each month will meet only once this month, on Oct. 17. We will gather in the upper parish hall from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. John Hennessy, director of *Maine Episcopal Network for Justice*, will have many updates for us. All are welcome.

The Caregivers Support Group continues to meet every other Wed. at 10:30am. Our next meeting is October 18 in the Oratory off the lower hall. You can enter by the back door off the parking lot. We welcome anyone who is caring or has cared for someone with an incapacitating illness, including spouses, children or friends who want to share difficulties and are looking for solutions. The group is led by Mary Leigh Hanson and Ralph Cordes. Please join us for one session or come on a regular basis.

Using our Time and Talent "We are called – called to serve, called to love, called to strengthen our community." As we contemplate where St. Luke's is and where it should be going, let us boldly try out new ideas while remaining true to our traditions and beliefs. In order to grow and flourish, we need to answer God's call to serve. On St. Luke's Day, we will kick off our stewardship campaign and St. Luke's 150th anniversary celebration by giving you will have an opportunity to reflect on how you can best use your unique gifts, skills, and passions to serve and spread God's love in our community.

St. Luke's Day Ministry Celebration. After the 10:00 service on October 22, you are invited to join in conversation about and celebration of our major areas of ministry: Worship, Parish Life, Education and Outreach. Facilitators will lead a discussion about your vision and dreams for in each area. Leaders in each these areas will be available to explain your passions and interests with opportunities to help fulfill St. Luke's mission and help our congregation grow. We'll invite you to take a Time and Talent pledge card, prayerfully consider it, and return it at your convenience. (The pledge card also has space for you to make your financial pledge; more materials on this to follow).

The Thursday Theological Study group has begun its eighth consecutive year. We will use this study time to understand better, and to analyze Jesus' teaching on the Gospel, and the inauguration of the New Aeon. Facilitating our study will be Paul Tillich's *The New Being*, and Anders Nygren's *Commentary on the Romans*. Dr. Robert Hanson will present papers on the several stages of the issue. All are welcome.

Thursday night dinners resume Oct. 26th: A community supper will be held on Oct. 26th from 6:00 to 7:30 in the lower hall. The menu will be spaghetti and homemade sauce – with or without meatballs, fresh salad, bread, butter and desert. Your free will offering is welcome. We'll be gathering close to All Saints Day and will have be an All Saints Trivia Challenge with a special prize to the winner(s). Come and share in food, fellowship and fun! Bring your kids! Newcomers are encouraged to come!

All Saint's Day (November 5):

Remembering the Faithful Departed: We will pray for all those who have died since All Saints Day last year..

Memorial Flowers Special memorial bouquets in memory of loved ones are available for All Saint's Day. A suggested fee of \$25 covers the cost of a bouquet arranged by the Flower Guild to be attached to the person's pew in the Nave or Emmanuel Chapel with a card. The flowers are meant to be taken home afterwards to enjoy. If you have someone you would like us to remember in the service or want to give flowers, email office@cathedralofstluke.org by Nov. 1.

Baptisms: We will be having baptisms at the 10:00 service. Those interested, please see one of the clergy.

Dedication of Kneelers: Kneelers for St. Luke, St. Cuthbert's, MacMahan Island, St. Margaret's, Belfast and St. John, Presque Isle will be dedicated at 10am.

Holiday Fair, November 11, 9am-3pm: We have received numerous donations for the Holiday Fair and will be sorting on Sundays from now until Nov. 5th. Please help us out by joining in after Coffee Hour in the Under Croft. Many helping hands make for a lighter task! Thank you all for your continued support. The fair is in full swing and we look forward to a wonderful fundraiser!! Thanks! Dawn Brennan-Daly and Margo Hill

Prayer Shawl Knitters: The Blessing of the Prayer Shawls will be held on Sunday, January 21 during the 10am service. Knitters, please let me know how many prayer shawls you will have completed Helen Smith, Chair

PRAYERS for the Week of October 15, 2017

In The Anglican cycle of prayer, we pray for Swaziland - (Southern Africa) **In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for all who are preparing for, and will attend, the 198th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine. For the Standing Committee, Diocesan Council, and other decision making bodies of our Diocese. For the people and clergy of our Companion Diocese of Haiti. We offer prayers of healing and comfort **for Members of our Congregation:** Jane Kolkhorst, June Stevenson, Candy Giroux, Joseph Semmes, Joe Edgar, Susan Hough, Sam Parsons, Ken Tatro, Peter Mulvey, Jean Wandel, Harold Donatelli, Monica Ellis, Heather Robinson, Donald DeRice, Barbara Prime, Gretchen Lane, Nancy Bowker, Tim Lamar, Ted Wright, Linda Poland, Joe Walker, Dottie Pride. **For our Friends and Family** Katharine Doughty (daughter of Mary Doughty), Lydia, Annaelle Safha, Binta and Sabri, (family of Thierry

Ndabahagamyé), Janet Brennan (mother of Michael Brennan), Amanda Su (friend of Thurl Headen), David Trafton (friend of Ray Davis Murdoch Curry), Sabin Streeter (friend of Linda Beane and Celia and Victor Wakefield), Gloria, Wilbur Easler (uncle of Anna Messmer), Nancy Blanchard (friend of Pat and Fred Fowler), Bob Creighton, (brother of Connie Bingham), Duane Fleming (step brother of Julie Hugo Vidal), Wilhelmina Young (friend of Sallie Smith), Gordon Robinson (friend of Sallie Smith), Paul Schwotzer (friend of Ray Davis Murdoch Curry), Lisa Smith (daughter of Frank and Helen Smith), Maddox Evans (friend of Rick Leighton), Jerry Wechsler (friend of Celia, Victor and Olivia Wakefield), Meredith MacLeod (niece of Anna Messmer), Paul Goddard (brother of Shari Shambaugh), Beth Morrison (friend of Chuck Sawyer and David Savage), Jerel Chamberlain (son of Dottie Pride), Medjeen Claris (brother of Wisley Claris), Tri Nguyen (friend of Nikki and Lester Evans), Satish Dhingra (friend of Connie and Peter Bingham), Jacqueline Nutes (friend of Nancy Mawhinney), Greg Bruns (cousin of Marlene Cordes), Mary Manetti (mother of Ellen Manetti, mother-in-law of Michael Courts), Barbara Curry (sister-in-law of Ray Davis Murdoch Curry), Anna Urban Rothberg (daughter of Lee Urban), Pat Ballard, Bruce Deuel (brother of Susie Juhl), Jerry Keller (father of David Keller), Jonathan Goodridge, Jean Scott (friend of Sallie Smith), David Freeman, John Young (nephew of Chuck Sawyer and David Savage), Todd Sisley (friend of Cynthia Morris), Steve Wiggin (friend of Ray Davis Murdoch Curry) Anastacia Kichen (friend of Cynthia Fitzgerald). **We especially give thanks for** Jan Peyton Rowley, Richard and Donna Pfeffer, Robert and Susan Pineau, Mark Plane, Linda Poland, Ted and Sally Poland. **We commend to your mercy** all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled. Please add your own prayers. **We pray for** Donald our President and Paul our Governor. **We pray for** our City Council members: Belinda Ray, district 1; Spencer Thibodeau, District 2. **We pray for** Michael our presiding Bishop, Stephen our Bishop, and for our Cathedral clergy.

Service Participants

7:30, 10:00 and 5:15: Preacher & Celebrant: Dean Shambaugh

Cathedral Musician: Albert Melton

Deacon: Alice Goshorn

Vergers: David Fernald, Tom Lizotte, William Connolly

Eucharistic Minister: Bruce Myers

Crucifer: Chloe Dearborn

Torches: Alice Bonnevie, Jane Bonnevie

Altar Guild: Marlene Cordes, MJ Northrop, Bob Parker

Flower Guild: Muffie Fernald, Nancy Armitage

Ushers: Mary Strnad, Tom Hill, Deb Marcoux, Steve Sawyer

Healing Team: Judd Hume, Marby Payson

Coffee Hour: Refreshments will be provided by the Coffee Hour Ministry.

Our Coffee Hour hosts are Bob and Martha Parshley

A “*Sesquicentennial*” (150 year) Celebration

Dr. Charles P. M. Outwin, Ph.D., Cathedral Historian

A “*sesquicentennial*” (150 year) celebration is highly significant under all circumstances for the simple reason that it indicates that an institution has substantially outlived any of its founders, even the youngest. Throughout history, many seemingly important organizations have failed to reach this mark. (Remember, even the mighty Soviet Union did not last even a century... an important fact to remember on the 100th anniversary of the October Revolution, an event of which most young Russians are now unaware!)

History can be full of peculiarity and irony. In a dreadful stroke of such irony, St. Paul’s Episcopal church building on Middle Street, a Loyalist anchor of the British colonial forest products entrepot of Falmouth-in-Casco-Bay, was destroyed in the general catastrophe of 18 October, *St. Luke’s Day*, 1775, when a detachment of the British Royal Navy’s North American Squadron attacked and destroyed the seaport. Many parishioners fled, never to return; the body of the parish’s founder, Samuel Waldo the younger, was removed from the remains of the crypt and reinterred at the Old Granary Burial Ground in Boston, across the street from King’s Chapel. Falmouth Neck was renamed Portland in 1786. After the War for Independence, the two remaining Episcopal parishes in Maine struggled with great difficulty to grow and thrive in the face of strong, even hostile competition from Unitarians, Shakers, and Methodists. However, by 1866, ninety-one years later, St. Luke’s, Portland, was the largest Episcopal parish in Maine. It was therefore chosen by the Diocesan convention held at Grace Church, Bath that year to host a purpose-built cathedral. The cornerstone was laid 8 August 1867, but it took another nine years before the Cathedral Church of St. Luke was consecrated, due to difficulties with paying off the mortgages.

Thus, by ironic accident, our celebration of the sesquicentennial of the establishment of the Cathedral Church of Saint Luke is *not* confined to 2016 or 2017, but will extend to St. Luke’s Day in 2027... the 150th anniversary of the consecration of this cathedral! What a splendid opportunity for us not only to reaffirm St. Luke’s presence in and commitment to the Portland and Maine communities, but also to redouble our efforts to follow the great example of our distinguished Episcopalian forbearers (such as Samuel Waldo, the Reverends Jacob Bailey and John Wiswall, the Rt. Rev’d George Burgess, Sister Helen Margaret Folsom, the Rt. Rev’d Henry A. Neely, and historian Marguerite Ogden) in rededicating our own selves and lives to the spread of Christ’s message and mission in this city, state, nation, and the world.